

Meeting Notes

Hispanic Education Summit Planning Meeting

08/13/2007

Ottawa Bldg, 611 W. Ottawa Street, L.L., Conf. Rm 2, Lansing, MI 48933

Meeting called by:

Ms. Arminda Garcia, Education Committee Chair

Facilitators:

Mr. Terry Fobbs & Dr. Mary Miller

COSSA Office: Marylou Mason, Vicky Potter

Members Present: Jane Rohrback, Laura Gonzales, Norma Hernandez, Arminda Garcia, Clemente Garcia, Leonard Savala

Guest: Shannon Thelen, DOE, Superintendent's Office

Agenda topics

1) Event Date Discussion

- Ms. Shannon Thelen, assistant to State Superintendent Mike Flanagan was present at the meeting. There was discussion the date change due to the Superintendent's availability for the previously scheduled date of Oct. 22nd. The new date for the Summit is now Wednesday, November 28th. Marylou will confirm the date with the Holiday Inn South.
- Arminda Garcia asked Shannon Thelen if there were State Superintendent Meetings

2) Invitations

- Target attendance: 300-500 people
- Discussion included inviting Directors

of Bilingual Programs, Principals of schools with high concentration of Hispanic students, University/College Admission Directors, Retention Services, Human Resource Directors, Deans of Student Services, Director of the President's Council, Director of the Community College Association

- Public Service Announcements – Terry Fobbs will discuss the matter with DLEG Media staffer Dave Callihan on TV/Radio spots
- A “Save the Date” card was discussed and agreed upon to send. Vicky will prepare and send by August 8st.

3) Review notes from June 20th meeting to see what task have been completed

- Marylou will contact Superintendent Flanagan's office to find out when the next State School Superintendents meeting will be to possibly provide a presentation.
- Cherry Commission Comparison by Leo and Emily – Tabled until next meeting due to absence.
- Hispanic Challenges Issue papers are due by August 1st – Vicky will send an e-mail reminder.
- There was discussion on whether to invite Hispanic students to participate in the Summit. It was ultimately agreed upon that at the first Summit meeting to not invite Hispanic students because of the School Superintendents being present. In the future, Hispanic students and parents will be invited to participate. Students could give a “student perspective” on issues as well as provide their experiences.
- Facilitator Training will be held in early October.
- The number of awards to be presented at Summit was discussed. After much discussion, it was agreed upon to have

three awards: 1) Outstanding University President, 2) Outstanding College President, and 3) Outstanding School Superintendent

- It was suggested to have a PowerPoint presentation to display “Honorable Mentions” for possibly up to 4 parents.

- 4) Data Committee Update – Laura and Sergio have had discussions with Mr. Ed Roehbor from Dept. of Education to discuss Hispanic student data collection. They will continue to gather data and provide to the committee. This information is vital to support why we are having this Summit. Data being discussed include:

- ❖ Hispanic graduation rates vs other groups
- ❖ Hispanic drop out rates vs other groups
- ❖ Hispanic student numbers in charter schools
- ❖ Hispanic student numbers in migrant ed, special ed.
- ❖ Hispanic student test scores vs other groups
- ❖ Hispanic student college graduation rates, types, school breakdown
- ❖ Hispanic student retention rates

- 5) Schedule next meeting date – ***Meeting date will be Monday, August 13, 2007***

- Agenda items will be:
 - Review Hispanic data
 - Packet content for Summit participants
 - Reviewing Challenge articles
 - Cherry Commission Report review
 - Budget/sponsorships

Special notes: